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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**1. How many patients have been treated (for any condition) in the last 3 months with the following products:**

• <b>Baclofen</b>	43
• <b>Tizanidine</b>	6
• <b>Dantrolene sodium</b>	0
• <b>Diazepam</b>	90
• <b>Sativex</b>	0
• <b>Gabapentin</b>	244
• <b>Botox</b>	144
• <b>Dysport</b>	73
• <b>Xeomin</b>	0

Please note that the following are the number of patients treated in the last 3 months with drugs issued from our Pharmacy Department only. This does not include drugs out of 'ward stock'.

We have cross referenced the patients diagnosed with the specifics requested but this does not necessarily mean they were given the drug for this indication.

Diagnosis codes are only available for inpatients only, therefore there may be outpatients who have received these drugs but are not included.

To enable the Trust to provide patients treated from ward stock, whether patients treated with these drugs were for the treatment requested and to include outpatients, would require a manual review of patients' notes. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of your request.

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Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

**Q2. For patients treated for Multiple Sclerosis in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:**

•	<b>Baclofen</b>	7
•	<b>Tizanidine</b>	2
•	<b>Dantrolene sodium</b>	0
•	<b>Diazepam</b>	1
•	<b>Sativex</b>	0
•	<b>Gabapentin</b>	2
•	<b>Botox</b>	0
•	<b>Dysport</b>	0
•	<b>Xeomin</b>	0

Please note caveat above.

**Q3. For patients admitted for Stroke in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:**

•	<b>Baclofen</b>	6
•	<b>Tizanidine</b>	0
•	<b>Dantrolene sodium</b>	0
•	<b>Gabapentin</b>	2
•	<b>Botox</b>	0
•	<b>Dysport</b>	1
•	<b>Xeomin</b>	0

Please note caveat above.

**Q4. For patients admitted for Spinal or Brain Trauma in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:**

•	<b>Baclofen</b>	0
•	<b>Tizanidine</b>	0
•	<b>Dantrolene sodium</b>	0
•	<b>Gabapentin</b>	2
•	<b>Botox</b>	0
•	<b>Dysport</b>	0
•	<b>Xeomin</b>	0

Please note caveat above.

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Clarification was sought asking you to specify exactly what you are looking for in respect of brain or spinal trauma, i.e. if the trauma is to do with strokes then the stroke will be coded and nothing else and confirmation was received that you require the following:

For your query below please find the codes;

**Stroke:**

I60, I61, I62, I63, I64

**Brain Trauma:**

S06, T905

**Spinal Trauma**

S14, S24 , S34

**Q5. Within your trust, how many patients have been treated (with any medication or procedure) in the past 12 months for the following conditions:**

- **Multiple Sclerosis**
- **Stroke**
- **Spinal or brain trauma**

Please see the table below for the number of admissions, with the conditions listed using the codes above, within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust:

Number of Admissions	Number of Patients	Haemorrhage	Infarct	MS	Brain Trauma	Spine Trauma
1775	1466	301	723	425	320	6

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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